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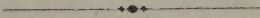
FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN,

AND THE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 12, 1861.



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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In compliance with the law of the State, the Superintending School Committee of Keene, submit to the Town the following Report of the Schools, for the year ending March 12th, 1861 :—

The sum raised by the Town for the support of Schools, at its last Annual Meeting, was \$3.520.00. The amount of Literary fund received by the Town, was \$265.16. The amount raised by the High School Associated Districts, was \$900.00. Amounting in all to the sum of \$4.685.16, appropriated for the support of Public Schools in the Town, during the year. In addition to this, there has been paid for instruction in Private Schools, the sum of 300.00, making the amount expended in Town, for the purpose of Education, \$4.985.16.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Committee feel justified in saying, that the schools the past year, have been as prosperous as heretofore, and the interest in them more universal. They have been taught, generally, by acceptable teachers, many of whom came to their task with a fund of experience which made it pleasant for themselves, and profitable to their pupils, and those who assumed the duties of Teachers for the first time, discharged them with a zeal which is worthy of commendation.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Mr. WHEELOCK visited Centre, and No.'s 5, 6, 9, and 12.

Mr. TILDEN visited No.'s 1, 4, 10, and 11.

Doct. THAYER visited No.'s 2, 3, 7, 8, and 13.

CENTRE.—Primary. There were two terms of 10 and 11 weeks, in the summer, taught by Miss MARIA N. MESSENGER. First term—number of scholars, 78; average, 69; tardy, 6. Second term—scholars, 67; average, 62; tardy, 18.

Winter term, 12 weeks, by the same teacher—scholars, 64; average, 51; tardy, 13.

The simple fact, that Miss MESSENGER has now taught this school for two successive years, renders comment unnecessary. She seems to have a wonderful faculty of keeping order among 70 or 80 young children; of finding time to hear them all read and recite, and what is more, she has made them get their lessons. But it is too much to suppose that she could have found time for much explanation, or many questions, other than those in the books. However excellent this school may have been for the two past years, it has been much too large for one teacher, and we are glad to know that the Prudential Committee has inserted an article in his warrant to see if the district will divide the schools into three.

CENTRE.—Intermediate. Miss HELLEN M. WHEELER, taught two summer terms of 10 and 11 weeks. Scholars, 53; average, 45; tardy, 6. Second term, scholars, 55; average, 46; tardy, 8.

The winter term of 12 weeks was also taught by Miss WHEELER—scholars, 58; average, 48; tardy, 12.

This school has passed a year of uninterrupted success and prosperity. The teacher, who has long held a high place in the opinion of school committees, ranks at the present time, second to no other teacher in the intermediate department. Sufficiently strict, without being severe, she keeps order in a school of which 37 are boys, with little if any corporeal punishment. The recitations are always spirited and lively, and everything is made plain and interesting to the scholar.

No. 1. *Summer*.—Primary Department. The first term of 10 weeks, was taught by Miss ELLEN M. TAGGARD. Num-

ber of scholars, 44 ; average attendance, 39 ; tardiness, 9. Miss TAGGARD was well qualified as a teacher, and appeared anxious to promote the best good of her scholars. The attendance was pretty good, and the school manifested a fair degree of order and improvement at the close.

The second term of 12 weeks, was under the charge of Miss SARAH E. LEONARD. Number of scholars, 37 ; average attendance, 34 ; tardiness, 9.

Miss LEONARD is peculiarly adapted to teach in such a school as this, and she gained a reputation for being a successful teacher of small children—worthy to be sought after by others. The scholars made good progress, and the closing examination was very satisfactory.

The winter term was under the instruction of Miss MARTHA A. WHEELER. Length of school, 11 weeks ; number of scholars, 31 ; average attendance, 25 ; tardiness, 23.

This was the first of Miss WHEELER's teaching, but her management in the school room, showed that she possesses the qualifications for a good teacher ; kind and forbearing in her intercourse with her pupils, she maintains perfect order without effort, and secures the good will of those under her care. We were particularly pleased with the progress made by the scholars, as well as the good order and discipline of the school.

Intermediate Department. Summer. There were two terms of this school. The first term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss MARTHA E. GREENWOOD. Number of scholars, 40 ; average attendance, 35 ; tardiness, 7. This was the first term of the teacher, in this town, and it is sufficient to say, that she maintained the reputation she had already acquired. Improvement was manifest in the various studies. The exercises at examination showed that the instruction was thorough, and that pupils were required to master one lesson, before proceeding to another. The specimens of map drawing were worthy of high commendation.

The second term of twelve weeks, was under the care of Miss M. CORDELIA BURNAP. Number of scholars, 33 ; average attendance, 30 ; tardiness, 57.

The winter term of 11 weeks, was taught by the same teacher. Number of scholars, 39 ; average attendance, 32 ; tardiness, 19.

Miss BURNAP was an experienced teacher, and exerted herself for the improvement of her pupils. The examination was well attended, and the improvement in some of the classes satisfactory. The first class in Geography, appeared very well, and the exercises on the black board were well performed. The school would have been more successful, had the necessity of system been more fully appreciated.

A pleasant and comfortable school room has a powerful influence on children and youth, in regard to health, spirits, diligence and general improvement. We would suggest to the people of this district, that a few repairs in the school house, and especially the addition of a little paint and whitewash, would add very much to the good appearance of the rooms, and the comfort of the scholars.

No. 2. Primary. Three terms, of 11, 11, and 12 weeks respectively. First term; whole number of pupils, 57; average attendance, 50; tardinesses, 21. Second term; whole number, 76; average attendance, 64; tardinesses, 32. Third term; whole number, 52; average attendance, 40; tardinesses, 22.

Teacher during the first term, Miss H. C. FROST. During the second and third term, Miss MARY E. SKINNER. A good school. The average attendance was unnecessarily small. In the third term, there was only one child who was not absent at all, and there were thirty-seven who were absent more than nine times. There was much sickness in the school during this term, but not enough to justify so many absences. The instances of tardiness were far too numerous in every term. We regard tardiness as far more unnecessary and injurious than absence.

Intermediate. Three terms, same length as primary. First term; whole number of pupils, 55; average attendance, 36; tardinesses, 15. Second term; whole number of pupils, 66; average attendance, 53; tardinesses, 35. Third term; whole number of pupils, 61; average attendance, 51; tardinesses, 6.

This report of the first term looks badly, in respect to attendance. The year has been an unfortunate one, as may be partly seen by the report of absences and tardinesses. At the close of the last school year, No. 2 was in excellent condition, under the

charge of Miss LAWRENCE, who had been a successful teacher in this school and No. 1, for several years. For some reason, unknown to us, against the good judgment of the district, a new teacher was engaged in her place at the beginning of the present year,—Miss HOLMES, of Vermont, apparently amiable, but quite too young and inexperienced for the charge she undertook. She resigned in a fortnight, in despair. The next teacher, Miss CHARLOTTE B. ELLIS, entered upon her work with the confidence of experience, and would probably have been able to manage an orderly school, but two weeks of anarchy had rendered it uncontrollable, and she was unwilling to retain it after the first term. Mr. C. M. MOODY, of Massachusetts, taught the school during the second term. The results, as far as instruction went, were poor—so much time was necessarily spent in discipline. Mr. F. W. MESSENGER, had charge of it during the third term. And he having a happy faculty of governing with ease, the school was soon brought to order, and has been steadily improving during the term, so that at the close of the year it appeared nearly as well as it did when Miss LAWRENCE left it a year ago. But it is hard to say when a school will be able to outgrow entirely, the demoralizing effect of such disorder as was allowed to reign at the beginning of the year. It is like having a good horse run away—it takes 25 per cent off his value.

No. 3. Two terms. First term, 12 weeks; whole number of pupils, 30; average attendance, 26; tardinesses, 7. Second term, unfinished.

Mrs. A. L. STEARNS, teacher, during the first term, and part of the second, when she was taken sick, and after a few weeks her place was supplied by Mr. GEORGE H. ROBINSON.

No. 4. *Summer*. Miss LOUISA R. RANDALL, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14; tardiness, 6.

Winter.—Teacher, same as in the summer. Length of school, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 18; tardiness, 26.

Miss RANDALL, although a young teacher, was well prepared to teach this school; well qualified, she also possessed the faculty

so necessary for success in government. The school was eminently successful; nothing occurred to disturb the harmony between teacher and pupils.

The scholars were attentive and diligent in their studies, and the examination showed a decided improvement in every respect. On account of sickness among the scholars, the winter term was not as long as intended. We were greeted at the close of the summer term with a neat and tastefully trimmed school room.

No. 5. Miss ARDELIA C. RANDALL taught both the summer and winter terms, 10 weeks each. Number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 12; tardy, 2.

This school has shown what an intelligent teacher can do, whose attention is given to a small number of pupils. Their progress and improvement was very apparent and satisfactory.

No. 6. Summer term. Number of scholars, 31; attendance, 25; tardiness, 8. Miss ELLEN C. ROBBINS, who taught this school the preceding summer with much approbation, has again had a successful and profitable school.

Winter term. Mr. T. A. JACKSON, taught 12 weeks. Scholars, 28; attendance, 24; tardy, 36. Mr. JACKSON has performed his duty well and faithfully, and has kept an excellent school. There seems to be, and to have been in former years, a want of interest on the part of parents in this school, which may account for so much tardiness.

No. 7. One term, 20 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 15; average attendance, 8; tardinesses, 2. Miss ALMA C. LEACH, teacher. There were only five pupils during the greater part of the term, (we learn that there are only eight living in the district,) but the number was increased to fifteen, during the last six weeks of the term, by the addition of ten from No. 3, which was then closed on account of Mrs. STEARNS'S illness. The average attendance would have been higher, but for some of these distant pupils having been several times detained at home by heavy snow storms. We can speak very cordially of the teacher and her methods. She promises well. The school house is very much out of repair, but we understand there is a desire on the part of the citizens of the district, to merge it in the adjoining one, No. 3.

No. 8. Two terms. First term, 10 weeks; whole number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 13; tardinesses, 3. Second term, 9 weeks; whole number of pupils, 17; average attendance, 15; tardinesses, 27. Teacher, first term, Miss F. J. BUXTON; second term, Mr. GEORGE H. ROBINSON.

No. 9. Summer term, Miss ELLEN M. GRIMES, taught 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9; tardy, 0. With the exception of the reading, this school appeared well. Something must be allowed for the first term of a young teacher.

Winter. Mr. H. R. WHITCOMB taught 10 weeks; number of scholars, 11; attendance averaged, 9. Great improvement was made this term in reading and defining words. Arithmetic and Geography, seem also, to have been thoroughly taught. Some parents in this district, seem to have been in a habit of denying their children the privilege of attending the whole term, and the effect of this practice are in some instances sadly apparent.

No. 10. *Summer*. Primary Department. There were two terms of this school, both taught by Miss ELLEN R. STONE. First term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 53, average attendance, 48; tardiness, 19. Second term, 11 weeks. Number of scholars, 50; average attendance, 46; tardiness, 37. The winter term of 10 weeks, was under the charge of the same teacher. 48 scholars; average attendance, 42; tardiness, 35.

This was a model school. Miss STONE possesses the happy faculty of imparting instruction and maintaining perfect order, two of the great essentials for a successful school. Kind and considerate in her manner, she governs without effort, and awakens a lively interest in her scholars. At all our visits we found each pupil having something to do, and doing it with a will. The improvement was excellent, and the closing examination showed to the large number of parents and others, who were present, that the time had been well spent. Many of the recitations would have done honor to much older scholars.

Intermediate Department. *Summer*. There were two terms of this school, under the care of Miss IRENE A. CARPENTER. First term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 51; average attendance, 44; tardiness, 21. Second term, 10 1-2 weeks. 48

scholars; average attendance, 43; tardiness, 20. Miss CARPENTER is an excellent teacher in every respect. Her manner of conducting her school is such, that it makes it interesting and pleasant to her scholars, and enables her to maintain good order in an easy and winning manner. The exercises at the close, showed that the studies pursued, were not only committed, but well understood, and retained in the memories of the scholars. The promptness and exactness of the recitations were deserving of much credit. The winter term, of 10 weeks, was under the instruction of Mr. HARVEY WOODWARD. Number of scholars, 52; average attendance, 45; tardiness, 48.

Mr. WOODWARD labored hard for the good of his scholars, and with a fair degree of success. The number of classes was unusually large this term; too large for one teacher to do complete justice to all. Too much should not be expected from a teacher laboring under this serious disadvantage. The progress of the scholars, as shown at the closing examination, was as good as could be expected.

No. 11. *Summer*.—There were two terms of 9 weeks each, taught by Miss BIAL W. WILLARD. First term; number of scholars, 42; average attendance, 37; tardiness, 6. Second term, 39 scholars; average attendance, 32; tardiness, 21.

Miss WILLARD taught this school with her usual success. She is an energetic and experienced teacher; faithful and untiring in her efforts to promote the highest good of her pupils. Under such a teacher, the school was eminently prosperous. The exercises at the examinations were very interesting, and afforded gratifying evidence of the improvement of the scholars. The classes in Colburn's Arithmetic appeared remarkably well. The neat and tastefully decorated school room elicited praises from all present.

Winter.—Mr. AZRO B. SKINNER, teacher; length of school, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 34; average attendance, 28; tardiness, 30.

Mr. SKINNER is a good teacher—faithful, industrious and anxious for the improvement of his pupils; he secured the good will of his scholars, who were studious, orderly and obedient, and

made good improvement. The exercises at the close, gave satisfactory evidence that the school had been a very profitable one.

No. 12. Summer term. Miss MARY E. CAMPBELL taught 8 weeks. Scholars, 19; average, 17; tardy, 22. Much and profitable attention was given to reading and defining of words, and the school appeared well generally. The instruction in geography seemed to have been limited to printed answers to printed questions.

Winter.—Mr. AMOS J. BLAKE, taught 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 19; tardy, 18. This was an unusually interesting school. The presence of a number of the older and more advanced scholars, who seemed to be aware of the advantages of education, seems to have stimulated all the others; and to have made the school room a hive of industry. The committee can only regret that such scholars should have such short terms, and no share in the advantages of the High School.

No. 13. Three terms, 10, 6, and 9 weeks, respectively. Miss A. C. KINGSBURY, teacher. First term, whole number of pupils, 17; average attendance, 14; tardinesses, 18. Second term, whole number, 17; average attendance, 15; tardinesses, 5. Third term, whole number, 29; average attendance, 22; tardinesses, 27.

The school went on smoothly until the third term. Soon after the commencement of this, several of the largest boys, who had not been present in the first and second terms, began to show a spirit of insubordination, quite unworthy of them, especially as some of them, if not all, were old enough to have something of the spirit which will not allow them to insult a woman, and quite old enough to begin to appreciate the advantages of schooling, and make the most of them. As nearly as we could learn, the evil was made worse by the parents upholding the children in their misconduct. We cannot forbear expressing our deep regret that persons should be found in any district in this town, so blind to the mischievous effect upon their children of such an example. Little advantage can be reaped from a school, whose teacher has not the respect and confidence of the parents. The committee agreed to give the case a hearing in the presence of the parents, but eight of the children left about a fortnight before the close of the term, and thereby rendered it unnecessary.

HIGH SCHOOL.

First term, 11 weeks. Number of scholars, 86 ; males, 37 ; females, 49 ; average attendance, 85.5 ; not absent or tardy, 74 ; tardy, 2. Visits by Superintending Committee, 10 ; Prudential Committee, 4 ; citizens, 227. Second term, 13 weeks. Number of scholars, 87 ; males, 33 ; females, 54 ; average attendance, 82 ; not absent or tardy, 58 ; tardy, 0 ; visits by Superintending Committee, 12 ; Prudential Committee, 5 ; citizens, 345. Third term, 14 weeks ; number of scholars, 92 ; males, 38 ; females, 54 ; average attendance, 87 ; not absent or tardy, 57 ; tardy, 0 ; visits by Superintending Committee, 14 ; Prudential Committee, 7 ; citizens, 562.

The extraordinary average attendance and punctuality shown in the preceding statement, are a true index of the character of the High School, and it is believed that, when the teachers pursue the same rule in marking tardiness, a very just estimate of the condition of all our schools may be formed by a comparison of these items alone.

The High School has continued on the same plan as heretofore, under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. BURBANK. An assistant has been employed, as usual, through the winter term—Miss ELLEN M. LIVINGSTON, a graduate of one of the State Normal Schools of Massachusetts, of whom the Committee desire to express their entire approbation. It would be for the advantage of the High School, if the associated districts should employ an assistant throughout the year. The classes are too numerous to receive a due amount of attention from two teachers alone.

The Committee made some suggestions in the last Annual Report, on the subject of the study of Latin. We feel obliged to reiterate what was there said. We would respectfully submit to parents, for their consideration, the question whether it may not be a misuse of time, for their boys to devote several hours a day to Latin, to the neglect of indispensable English studies. It would probably be a poor satisfaction to any man, to remember that he had once studied Latin grammar, and had translated two or three Latin books, while he had the mortification of being unable to spell his own language, or express himself correctly. We would suggest that if a boy is to engage in any occupation

in which Latin will do him no good, his time at school would be more profitably spent in studies of practical application, such as mathematics, natural philosophy, English composition and history. We have been impelled to these reflections, by discovering on several occasions, gross errors in English spelling in nearly all the written translations from Latin, made by one of the higher classes, as well as ignorance of the idiom of our language.

We have been gratified to see that the hints given in the last Annual Report, on the necessity of giving more attention to physical culture, have been regarded: a horizontal bar was put up by the boys in the High School yard, at the beginning of the year, and has been in constant use during play hours. This branch of their education needs quite as much attention as any; and we trust that other pieces of apparatus will be added from time to time to their gymnasium.

There are two points in which there is great room for improvement in some of the schools; for one of which the teachers are wholly accountable, but the other is often under the control of the parents. The second, that which parents are usually responsible for, is the division of a school into too many classes. It is not an uncommon thing for one teacher to have twenty or twenty-five classes, to recite in the six hours of a school-day, besides being obliged to attend to the individual wants of the pupils, and all the miscellaneous duties that are inseparable from the place. This school of twenty classes may number only fifteen children in all, and among them may be five classes in mental arithmetic.

If, instead of twenty classes there were only ten, each pupil in the school could receive double the amount of instruction; because every one in a class is under instruction at the same time, and if the classes were half as numerous, each class could have recitations twice as long. Whereas, as many of the schools are at present arranged, the recitations are necessarily hurried through, with no time for more than merely answering the questions that occur in the lesson, and none for more extended explanation or instruction. The teacher, however desirous of reducing the number of her classes, often finds it impossible, because the parents object. Take Colburn's mental arithmetic, for in-

stance. We have more than once seen a school with five classes in this book, which we have advised to have reduced to three ; and have always met with the objection that it would put some of the pupils back a few pages, and they would be made unhappy and the parents displeased. We would suggest that the schools would be worth more to all, if the number of classes were reduced ; and it would be a gain rather than a loss, even to those who were obliged to be put back a little at the start. Indeed, if the teacher is worthy of her office, the parents should place such a degree of confidence in her, as to make them prefer that she should arrange the classes and studies, according to her own judgment.

The other opportunity for improvement, referred to, is in the manner of teaching. One of the commonest and gravest faults among our teachers, is a habit of helping the pupils through their difficulties, instead of allowing them to work their own way out of them. Some of our teachers are quite free from such a habit, but we prefer to say what we have to say in relation to the practice, without singling out any teachers for special application. It must be regarded as a dangerous habit, and one that all teachers should guard against at its very beginning ; for the habit of helping the children over every hard place, grows very much with the indulgence of it, and the school is finally nearly worthless. Children go to school to think and work, not to have all their work done for them. In a recitation in geography, in a certain school, the teacher asked, "What are prairies?" The child made no answer. The teacher then said, "Prairies are regions destitute of—what?" The child then easily put in the word that was wanting, and said, "trees." And so the lesson went on, the teacher giving the definition from the book, whenever a child hesitated, leaving only the last word to be supplied. We make this criticism, repeating what we began with—that many of our teachers are superior to this objection, and fully aware of the importance of making the children do the work for themselves.

GEO. TILDEN,
G. A. WHELOCK,
WM. H. THAYER.

KEENE, March 12, 1861.

Superintending Committee.

TABLE I.—SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Districts,	Centre.	No. 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	P. IN.	P. IN.	P. IN.								P. IN.			
Length of school, in weeks,...	21 21	22 22	22 21	12	10	10	14		10	8	21 20	18	8	16
Whole number of pupils,...	78 55	44 40	76 66	30	16	16	31		14	11	52 51	42	19	18
Males,	53 25	20 15	31 31	19	6	5	15		7	5	20 14	22	5	8
Females,	25 31	24 25	45 35	11	10	11	16		7	6	30 37	20	14	10
Average attendance,	66 46	39 33	58 53	26	14	14	25		13	10	47 44	37	17	15
No. of pupils over 16 years,...	0 1	0 0	0 0	2	0	0	0		1	1	0 0	0	2	0
No. of pupils under 16 years,...	78 55	44 4	76 66	28	16	16	31		13	10	52 51	42	17	18
No. of tardy marks,	24 14	18 64	53 51	7	4	2	8		3	0	57 41	26	22	23
No. of dismissals,	0 25	11 54	19 0	4	5	4	4		2	16	15 118	8	0	7
No. not tardy,	64 44	37 32	57 48	22	12	15	25		11	11	35 36	34	12	10
No. not absent half day,	16 16	14 14	13 6	9	3	6	13		10	1	31 23	13	6	7
Whole No. of visits,	169 104	129 125	116 85	57	38	23	59		35	39	124 155	89	25	25
Visits by S. S. Committee,...	12 11	8 8	13 13	4	3	2	4		4	3	8 7	5	2	4
Visits by Prud. Committee,...	2 3	7 7	3 4	0	1	1	1		1	1	5 7	1	1	2
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	24 24	22 25	24 24	17	15	16	16		16	11	26 26	21	13	16

TABLE II.—WINTER SCHOOLS.

Districts,	Centre.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	P. IN.	P. IN.	P. IN.								P. IN.			
Length of school, in weeks,...	12 12	11 11	12 12	14	11	10	12	20	9	11	10 10	12	9	9
Whole number of pupils,...	64 58	31 39	52 61	35	21	17	28	15	17	11	48 52	34	21	29
Males,	41 36	16 18	25 31	25	12	9	17	10	11	6	24 20	20	9	14
Females,	23 22	15 21	27 30	10	9	8	11	5	6	4	24 32	14	12	15
Average attendance,	52 48	25 32	41 51		18	11	24	8	15	9	42 45	28	20	22
No. of pupils over 16 years,...	0 2	0 5	0 2		3	1	1	1	2	0	0 2	3	10	5
No. of pupils under 16 years,...	64 56	31 34	52 59		18	16	27	14	15	11	48 50	34	11	24
No. of tardy marks,	13 12	23 19	22 6	19	26	0	36	2	27	0	35 48	30	18	27
No. of dismissals,	0 24	5 0	0 3	12	6	3	0	5	5	5	12 125	8	3	29
No. not tardy,	56 47	18 30	38 55	27	13	17	20	14	6	11	31 28	2	13	15
No. not absent half day,	13 9	3 1	1 14		1	2	7	0	3	5	5 8	1	5	3
Whole No. of visits,	78 112	93 62	70 126	52	21	23	16	30	12	19	90 100	44	36	17
Visits by S. S. Committee,...	7 7	7 6	6 7	8	3	2	2	3	3	2	4 4	4	2	3
Visits by Prud. Committee,...	2 1	3 4	1 2	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	2 2	1	1	2
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	24 28	21 24	26 34	27	21	18	32	14	22	24	26 20	40	34	26

NOTE.—In the above Tables, the Fall Terms have been considered as part of the Summer Schools, and an approximate average made of the attendance of the two Terms.

TABLE III.

Districts, ..	No. scholars in each District.	Proportion to each District.	Proportion to each scholar.	Amount of school money raised.
Centre,	196	702.99	\$3.58	Raised by the Town,
1,	143	531.80	3.71	\$3.520.00
2,	192	690.04	3.59	Literary Fund,
3,	55	212.62	3.86	265.16
4,	24	112.50	4.68	\$3.785.16
5,	17	89.90	5.28	
6,	43	173.86	4.04	Raised by the As-
7,	8	60.83	7.60	ciated Districts
8,	21	102.82	4.89	for High School, ..
9,	19	96.36	5.79	\$900.00
10,	142	528.57	3.72	Rent of Building,
11,	57	219.07	3.84	for the use of the
12,	23	109.28	4.79	High School,
13,	37	154.49	4.17	250.00
...	977	\$3.785.16	\$3.87	Amount raised, ..
				\$4.935.16

TABLE IV.

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Prudential Committees.</i>	<i>SUMMER SCHOOLS.</i>		<i>WINTER SCHOOLS.</i>	
		<i>Teachers.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>	<i>Teachers.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Centre.	William L. Davis.	Miss H. M. Wheeler,	Keene.	Miss H. M. Wheeler,	Keene.
No. 1.	R. H. Porter.	Miss M. N. Messenger,	Stoddard.	Miss M. N. Messenger,	Stoddard.
		Miss M. E. Greenwood,	Dublin.	Miss M. C. Burnap,	Keene.
		Miss Ellen M. Taggard,	Dublin.	Miss M. A. Wheeler,	Keene.
		Miss M. C. Burnap,	Keene.		
No. 2.	Hosea Foster.	Miss S. C. Leonard,	Saxon's River, Vt.	Miss Mary E. Skinner,	Chesterfield.
	Daniel Buss.	Miss Emma Holmes,	Townshend, Vt.	Mr. F. W. Messenger,	Stoddard.
		Miss Hattie C. Frost,	Marlborough.		
		Miss Charlotte B. Ellis,	Surry.		
		Miss Mary E. Skinner,	Chesterfield.		
		Mr. C. M. Moody,	Greenfield, Mass.		
No. 3.	David B. Stearns.	Mrs. A. L. Stearns,	Keene.	Mrs. A. L. Stearns,	Keene.
No. 4.	George Mansfield.	Miss L. R. Randall,	Surry.	Mr. Geo. H. Robinson,	Keene.
No. 5.	M. S. Buckminster.	Miss A. C. Randall,	Keene.	Miss L. R. Randall,	Surry.
No. 6.	Arba T. Stearns.	Miss Ellen C. Robbins,	Keene.	Miss A. C. Randall,	Keene.
No. 7.	Benj. F. Foster.			Mr. T. A. Jackson,	Keene.
No. 8.	Henry W. Smith.	Miss F. J. Buxton,	Chesterfield.	Miss Alma O. Leach,	Keene.
No. 9.	Daniel Darling.	Miss Ellen M. Grimes,	Keene.	Mr. Geo. H. Robinson,	Keene.
No. 10.	S. Woodward,	Miss Ellen R. Stone,	Marlborough.	Mr. H. R. Whitcomb,	Swansey.
		Miss I. A. Carpenter,	Keene.	Miss Ellen R. Stone,	Marlboro'.
No. 11.	C. W. Heaton.	Miss Bial W. Willard,	Keene.	Mr. H. Woodward,	Keene.
No. 12.	A. S. Blake.	Miss M. E. Campbell,	Chesterfield.	Mr. Azro B. Skinner,	Chesterfield.
No. 13.	Geo. K. Wright.	Miss E. A. Kingsbury,	Gilsum	Mr. Amos J. Blake,	Rindge.
				Miss E. A. Kingsbury,	Gilsum.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF KEENE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1861.

Town Officers.

Paid Ashley Jones, Selectman, ending March, 1860,	175 00
“ Charles N. Wilder, “	175 00
“ Kindall Crossfield, “	175 00
“ Thomas C. Rand, Town Clerk, “	40 00
“ F. A. Faulkner, Town Agent, “	30 00
“ R. H. Porter, Town Treasurer, “	10 00
“ George Tilden, Superintending School Committee,	25 00
“ George B. Twitchell, “	25 00
“ George A. Wheelock, “	25 00
“ A. S. Tilden, Police, “	20 00
“ H. T. H. Pierce, “	18 00
“ H. C. Cooper, “	20 00
“ R. J. Holt, “	15 00
“ David Hutchins, Liquor Agent, ending March, 1860,	50 00
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	\$803 00

Water Survey from “Goose Pond” to the Village.

Paid Robert Wilson,	10 00
“ George W. Sturtevant,	5 00
“ Silas Hardy,	6 00
“ Elias Joslin,	5 00
“ Buss & Woodward,	2 12
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Insufficiency of Highways.

Paid Nahum Gassett,	75 00
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This has been the only case for which the Town has been liable for damages, and this occurred before the last Annual Town Meeting,

and for which there was a suit commenced and damages laid at two thousand dollars, for which we did not feel authorized to settle at the time, and as we could not settle with Mr. Gassett's Agent, for anything less than one thousand dollars, we thought it most advisable, to see Mr. Gassett; and we made a final settlement with him and paid the above sum for which he receipted in full for damages and cost.

The Keene Fire Department.

Paid Joseph P. Wells, seven days examining dwellings,	17 50
“ “ Repairs on Neptune,	15 80
“ “ One gallon fluid,	67 00
“ “ Cleaning House and Hose,	1 25
“ “ Cleaning Hose and Carriage,	5 50
“ “ Refreshments at Fire,	4 60
“ Albert Kingsbury, one and a half cords wood,	5 25
“ “ Sawing one and a half cords wood,	83
“ “ Repairing Hose Carriage,	75
“ “ Services as Steward, Neptune,	25 00
“ “ “ “ “	8 15
“ George W. Tilden, Services, Chief Engineer,	22 00
“ George A. Balch, Assistant,	4 00
“ Sylvanus Titus, “	4 00
“ Abiel S. Tilden, “	10 00
“ Francis E. Newcomb, “	10 00
“ Solon S. Wilkinson, Splicing Hose,	3 00
“ “ “	3 00
“ “ Repairing Hose,	42
“ “ “	1 63
“ “ Washers,	30
“ Isaac Sturtevant, Printing 500 Rules and Regulations,	5 00
“ “ “ 450 Laws,	5 00
“ “ “ 1000 Notifications, Neptune,	3 50
“ “ “ 600 “ H. & Ladder,	2 50
“ William L. Davis, Circles on old Hose Carriage,	2 00
“ “ Repairing Fire Hooks,	1 50
“ “ Irons for doors,	75
“ “ Eye bolts & rings for pole and fixing hook,	1 17
“ “ Hooks for ropes,	1 50

Paid William L. Davis, Splicing ropes,	75
“ “ Ring in small pole,	17
“ “ Setting bands on hook and ladder carriage,	1 33
“ “ 4 iron bolts,	1 33
“ “ 3 new plates for spring, Neptune,	2 75
“ “ Ironing three ladders,	3 00
“ “ “ two “	80
“ “ Work on old ladder,	1 50
“ “ 7 pounds bolts,	1 17
“ “ 10 “ hooks,	1 50
“ “ 8 1-2 “ “	1 42
“ “ Two irons on hook & ladder carriage,	75
“ “ Ironing two ladders,	2 00
“ “ “ one	40
“ “ Spring catch for house door,	33
“ “ Splicing two hooks,	25
“ “ Paid job wagon,	25
“ “ 4 staples,	12
“ “ Making chains,	1 75
“ “ 3 hooks for lanterns,	75
Paid Eben Clark, A. H. Miller,	1 00
“ Hobart L. Kiblin, 20 lbs. blue paint,	3 33
“ “ 6 lbs. red paint,	60
“ “ 18 screws and labor,	20
“ “ 6 hours labor,	84
“ “ 5 hours labor,	70
“ “ 4 1-2 hours labor,	63
“ “ 42 lbs. blue paint,	7 00
“ “ 4 days labor,	6 00
“ “ Sign board and painting,	9 00
“ “ Lettering and numbering ladders,	62
“ Samuel B. Crossfield, 110 feet common pine,	2 20
“ “ 98 feet, 7 by 7 timber,	98
“ “ One lock and butts,	1 34
“ “ 5 lbs. nails,	20
“ “ Use of team,	25
“ “ 60 feet common pine,	1 20
“ “ Butts, screws and nails,	1 00

Paid Samuel B. Crossfield, use of team,	25
“ “ 3 days work,	5 25
“ “ 156 feet ladders painted,	21 84
“ N. B. Harrington, Services rendered at various times,	2 00
“ “ 25 new keys,	2 50
“ “ Randall's bill for leather,	75
“ “ Wilcox's bill packing engine,	34
“ O. Gilman Dort, half gallon fluid,	35
“ “ One gallon fluid,	70
“ “ Half gallon fluid,	35
“ “ One gallon fluid,	70
“ “ One gallon fluid,	70
“ “ Half gallon fluid,	35
“ “ Half gallon fluid,	35
“ “ Half gallon alcohol,	50
“ “ One paper tripoli,	10
“ “ One quart castor oil,	44
“ “ One quart alcohol,	25
“ “ One bottle,	20
“ “ One gallon fluid,	70
“ “ One gallon fluid,	68
“ “ One quart castor oil,	44
“ “ One quart alcohol,	25
“ “ One gallon fluid,	67
“ “ One quart castor oil,	44
“ “ Two quarts alcohol,	50
“ “ One bottle,	20
“ “ Half gallon fluid,	34
“ “ One quart castor oil,	44
“ “ One quart alcohol,	25
“ Franklin B. Benton, 18 lbs. irons for Hook and Ladder Co.,	3 63
“ David H. Parker, bill Asa Griffin,	1 95
“ “ “ Shelly & Sawyer,	85
“ “ “ A. S. Tilden,	50
“ Deluge Fire Engine Co., services,	120 00
“ Hook and Ladder Co., services,	60 00
“ A. S. Bradford, services as steward,	25 00

Paid	Elliot & Ripley,	4 chain bolts,	1 50
"	"	3 doz. screws,	15
"	"	1 lock and 10 keys,	3 25
"	"	46 lbs. rope,	5 55
"	"	2 lanterns,	1 70
"	"	1 broom,	20
"	"	12 lbs. cable chain,	1 23
"	Buss & Woodward,	two quarts sperm oil,	75
"	"	Work on Engine House,	50
"	Abijah Wilder,	rent of land for Engine House,	15 00
"	David Sumner,	clearing snow from reservoirs,	2 50
"	Charles Lamson & Co.,	two gallons oil, 1859,	2 66
"	O. H. Gillett,	soldering pipe,	25
"	"	10 tin tumblers,	75
"	"	1 two quart fluid can,	25
"	"	Fluid caps on lanterns,	56
"	"	Tin frames on same,	38
"	"	One large match safe,	18
"	"	One dust pan,	20
"	"	Soldering pipe,	25
"	"	Marking keys,	38

New Reservoirs.

Paid	Elias Joslin,	12 days work, digging,	18 00
"	"	25 " " "	36 63
"	"	9 " " "	13 50
"	John D. Munn,	Mason work,	14 88
"	Charles Bridgman,	4 lbs. nails,	16
"	"	2 pails,	33
"	"	6 lbs. nails,	24
"	"	3 lbs. nails,	12
"	"	6 lbs. nails,	24
"	George Holmes & Bro.,	irons for tank, 128 lbs.,	4 48
"	"	Making and putting on,	3 00
"	"	Irons for tank, 125 lbs.,	4 38
"	"	Making and putting on,	3 00
"	"	Two staples and rings,	88

Paid Henry Pond & Co., 5400 bricks,	31 32
“ Faulkner & Colony, 318 feet 3 in. plank,	9 54
“ “ 110 feet 8 by 8,	6 46
“ Buss & Woodward, 70 feet lumber,	90
“ “ Making tank,	22 00
“ “ Making spout,	25
“ “ Making tank,	25 00
“ “ Help setting tanks,	2 00
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Paid for Reservoirs,	197 31
“ Fire Department,	498 93
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	\$696 24
Amount raised for Fire Department,	800 00
Amount raised for Reservoirs,	500 00
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	\$1300 00

There has been some dissatisfaction in this department the past year. The Neptune Engine Company disbanded—the Deluge, Company has been well officered and manned throughout the year; also, the Hook and Ladder Company. Sometime last July, the Chief Engineer requested us to buy new hose for the Department, but we did not feel fully authorized to run the town into debt for hose, when at the last Annual Meeting there was an article in the warrant to instruct the Selectmen to buy hose, and to raise money for the same; and the town voted to pass over the article. Under the circumstances we did not buy the hose, and the Chief Engineer and one Assistant Engineer, felt grieved and resigned their appointments, and the Neptune Engine Company disbanded. Immediately after the Company disbanded, the First Assistant Engineer, (acting as Chief) organized a volunteer Company, and the Neptune is now well manned by our citizens, volunteering to run with the machine in case of fire. The acting Chief has full charge of the machine. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on our acting Chief in the prompt manner in which he organized a volunteer company immediately after the Neptune Company disbanded. After the Company was organized, the machine was found to be in a bad

condition, and he felt it his duty to put it into good order, and he sent for one of Messrs. Hunneman & Co.'s mechanics, who came and put it in good repair and working order. There has been two Reservoirs built the past year, one near Mechanic street, and one on Summer street, near Middle street—they are each ten feet in diameter, and about twelve feet deep. There is most of the year a small stream of water running through the one near Mechanic street.

Schools.

Paid High School Associated District,	1763 35
Centre School District,	527 24
School District No. 1,	394 84
School District No. 2,	517 53
School District No. 3,	212 62
School District No. 4,	112 50
School District No. 5,	89 90
School District No. 6,	173 86
School District No. 7,	60 83
School District No. 8,	102 82
School District No. 9,	96 36
School District No. 10, including \$50 for repairs,	446 43
School District No. 11,	248 64
School District No. 12,	109 28
School District No. 13,	167 15
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	\$5.023 35
Amount raised by the Town,	3520 00
Literary Fund,	265 16
High School Associated Districts,	1150 00
School House Tax in No. 10,	50 00
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	\$4.985 16
School money not drawn last year :	
District No. 11,	29 57
District No. 13,	12 66
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	\$42 23

School money over drawn last year :

District No. 1,	\$4 00
Amount raised the past year,	4.981 12
“ Paid, not drawn, 1860,	42 23
“ “ To the Districts,	\$5.023 35
Add amount over drawn,	4 00
	<hr/> \$5.027 35

Highways and Bridges, 1859.

Paid Lucius Taft, cutting ice, and work,	3 25
“ E. D. Kimball, breaking roads,	1 00
“ “ Mending bridge,	1 25
“ “ One day's work,	1 00
“ Isaiah Robbins, work on highway,	62
“ “ Work repairing bridge,	1 00
“ “ Work on highway,	1 50
“ “ Repairing road and bridge,	1 00
“ William Metcalf, for work on the highway,	5 65
“ John Towns, “ “ “	2 00
“ Albert Wright, “ “ “	4 13
“ Charles W. Heaton, “ “ “	2 00
“ “ Plank for bridge,	1 71
“ Sumner Carpenter, work on the highway,	2 00
“ Charles Chase, “ “ “	1 75
“ “ Mending bridge,	25
“ Ephraim F. Towns, repairing bridge,	3 00
“ “ Two days' work,	2 00
“ Franklin D. Reed, work on his road,	4 50
“ Moody Towns, “ “	5 00
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Highways and Bridges, ending March 1, 1861.

Paid Albert E. Pond, for work on highway,	25 25
“ Mason Guillow, for bridge plank,	20 79
“ Cornelius Clarey, for work on highway,	22 50
“ Albert Wright, “ “	24 87

Paid	Benjamin F. Foster, for work on highway,		31 63
"	John W. Nye,	" "	18 87
"	John Lawrence,	" "	25 98
"	E. D. Kimball,	" "	26 00
"	Jehiel Willson,	" "	3 03
"	David B. Stearns,	" "	11 25
"	John Ellis,	" "	15 11
"	Horace L. Goodnow,	" "	43 03
"	Alexander Grimes,	" "	8 00
"	Charles H. Ellis,	" "	26 00
"	Eugene S. Ellis,	" "	22 86
"	Jarib S. Herrick,	" "	38 99
"	James Wright,	" "	60 44
"	Daniel Dickinson,	" "	3 00
"	John Buckley,	" "	7 81
"	C. & C. Mason,	" "	318 93
"	Rufus Carter,	" stone culvert,	5 00
"	Eben Clark,	" money paid help,	30 74
"	Abram Seaver,	" work on highway,	11 57
"	Lewis Bridge,	" "	4 00
"	Lucius Taft,	" "	71 86
"	Solomon W. Raymond,	" stone culvert,	37 60
"	Elias Joslin,	" money paid help,	103 03
"	Arba S. Stearns,	" work on highway,	20 16
"	Joseph F. Nourse,	" "	382 42
"	Joseph W. Raymond,	" "	130 25
"	George K. Wright,	" "	20 12
"	Daniel A. Brown,	" "	29 61
"	Wm. H. Woodward,	" "	24 65
"	Charles Bridgman,	" nails,	24
"	Chester Nims,	" work on highway,	10 34
"	Charles Eveleth,	" "	56 77
"	John C. Guillow,	" bridge plank,	26 00
"	Ephraim F. Towns,	" work on highway,	12 00
"	Charles Lovejoy,	" "	5 00
"	George Holmes & Bro.,	" irons for sewers,	9 16
"	Elbridge H. Ingalls,	" stone culvert,	30 00

Paid Asa Cole, for work on highway,		59 78
Aaron Lebourveau,	stone for culverts,	4 00
Hosea Towne,	trucking,	3 30
Franklin D. Reed,	work on highway,	3 50
King B. Chapman,	"	15 63
Sylvester Nurse,	"	28 00
Faulkner & Colony,	timber and plank,	12 73
Elliot & Ripley,	nails,	16
Daniel Goodnow,	work on highway,	59 00
Moody Towns,	"	5 00
Silas Page,	"	2 75
Buss & Woodward,	timber and plank,	16 64
C. B. Fish,	trucking,	1 50
Charles Wyman,	work on highway,	20 10
Hosea Foster,	"	6 00
Daniel Allen,	"	19 63
Joel Barker,	"	1 56
Joshua Graves,	"	6 00
Levi M. Adams,	"	27 14
Jesse Grimes,	"	4 05
Luther M. Parker,	"	6 00
Daniel Thompson,	"	3 00
Thomas T. Russell,	"	5 50
G. D. & W. Dort,	painting street signs,	2 55
Madison Fairbanks,	stringers for bridge,	25 25
James Dodge,	work on highway,	6 63
N. H. Sentinel,	advertising,	2 25
William H. Brooks,	bolts,	1 63
George W. Sturtevant,	surveying roads,	4 50
Henry Pond & Co.	sand for highway,	32 97
Horatio Kimball,	advertising,	2 75
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		\$2.163 88

Extension of Church street, and one new street.

Paid J. F. Nourse, for building bridge,	100 00
" extra stone work,	15 00
E. Livermore, for new road, 121 rods,	56 87

Paid S. W. Raymond, for new road, 38 rods,	12 32
C. & C. Mason, for work on new road,	160 72
A. Lebourveau, " "	72 20
I. P. McMaster, for sand on new road,	20 76
W. F. Whitecomb, " "	20 28
G. A. Gordon, " "	13 56
Lyman Gay, " "	60
H. Pond & Co., " "	10 57
W. O. Shelly, for land damages,	25 00
W. Willard, " "	26 00
H. Towne, " "	1 00
E. F. Lane, " "	1 00
A. Jones, Guardian, " "	1 00
Due W. D. Ballou, " "	1 00
Paid S. Jones, for work on bridge,	9 86
Faulkner & Colony, timber and plank,	33 17
	<hr/> \$580 91
Paid Highways, 1859,	44 61
Do. 1860,	2.163 88
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Amount raised by the Town,	\$2.500 00

The account for Highways and Bridges, exceeds the amount appropriated by the town. It is a conceded fact that our highways and bridges have reflected but little credit to the town for many years, and that they were in a very bad state last Spring. The towns of Gilsuam and Marlboro' were much grieved at the condition of our roads, and some of the good citizens of these towns, and Marlow, attended our Court for the purpose of getting our town indicted; but they did not arrive until half an hour too late, when the Grand Jurors had been dismissed. Probably it was on account of the bad state of the roads that they did not arrive in season to go before the Jurors.

The bridge on Roxbury street, over Beaver Brook, was rebuilt last Fall; the old abutments were made of logs, and were much decayed, and the bridge was very narrow, being but six-

teen feet wide, and the railing was entirely gone; we did not deem it safe for the many heavy loads that were constantly passing over it. Under the circumstances we thought it most advisable to rebuild it with stone abutments, and the entire width of the street; and we have the satisfaction of knowing that most of our citizens are highly pleased with the structure. The bridge on Marlboro' street, and the one on Main street, over the same brook, are in a very bad condition, and will have to be rebuilt in a year or two, if not the present season. There is a bridge on the Winchester road, over the Ash Swamp brook, that is in a very bad condition; it is very narrow, and too low to let the water under the stringers. It will need looking after in the Spring—it may stand one or two years. There are two bridges in West Keene, near the mills, that are very narrow, and with little or no railing. The two bridges near John Colony's are getting to be old and will need looking after, the present season. These bridges are all built with log abutments and are very narrow, and with little or no railing. The bridge above South Keene, over the Branch, was rebuilt the past season; the abutments were very good, but the old stringers were much decayed. We put on six new stringers and mostly new plank, and it is now in good condition. The other bridges over the branch are in a very good condition. There has been several new culverts built of stone, to take the place of old wooden ones. One large culvert on Castle street, the entire width of the street, and one large culvert on the road leading by J. B. Elliot's farm in West Keene, the others have been smaller ones on the hills—they have all been built of stone. The highways in all parts of the town are in a bad condition, and will need looking after very early in the Spring. After building the extension of Church Street and Lincoln street, and building and repairing so many bridges, we had but a small sum to repair our highways with, and we did not feel authorized to borrow any money for this purpose, when the town refused to raise the amount recommended by the last Board of Selectmen. What money we had to expend for the repair of highways, we think has been prudently and economically laid out by most of our surveyors.

The expense of building the extension of Church Street and Lincoln, has been large. A new bridge was built over Beaver Brook, and a fill forty rods of two feet deep made it an expensive road to make. The road and bridge were sold at auction, and were all built by the several contractors, except L. M. Parker, who bid off a small bridge for forty-nine dollars, and Nehemiah Hart who bid off the road through the low land. When Mr. Hart was asked to sign his contract he refused, and refused to build his part of the road unless he could build it as he chose. As Mr. Parker could not build his bridge until the road was built to the ditch, we released him from his contract. The time having expired for Mr. Hart to have his contract completed, and he had done nothing to it, and was not intending to do anything, we thought it most advisable to finish it, as one end had been completed, and the bridge at the other end had also been completed, and it was finished at an expense larger than the amount for what it was bid off at, by Mr. Hart.

Small Pox.

Paid William H. Hodskins, Trucking,	1 00
H. Foster, Grave for C. E. Marsh,	1 25
“ Grave for P. Lovejoy,	2 50
T. Bolio, attending C. E. Marsh,	16 50
“ Assisting Burying,	1 50
“ Provisions,	1 00
“ Cleansing Clothes, &c.	2 00
“ Assisting Burying Lovejoy,	3 00
E. Rivers, Rent of building,	4 00
E. Morris, attending C. E. Marsh,	6 00
“ Assisting Burying,	1 00
George B. Twitchell, attendance and medicine, Marsh,	14 50
“ “ “ Lovejoy,	14 50
B. F. Wheeler, 2d, Wood,	1 50
William A. Norwood, Stove,	6 00
“ 20 lbs Pipe,	1 75
“ Tea Kettle,	1 25
“ Wash Bowl,	33
“ Frying Pan, &c.	67
C. T. & G. B. Buffum, Clothes for Lovejoy,	5 92

Paid D. Marsh Jr., Bed and Bedding,	9 42
J. D. & L. J. Colony, Tin Dish,	10
F. H. Keyes, Wood,	2 25
R. Nims, Provisions,	3 02
H. Towne, Trucking,	62
William French, Groceries,	12 73
Briggs & Hitchcock, Coffin, &c.	8 00
A. & J. Bancroft, Provisions,	8 41
Stephen Barker, Groceries,	8 17
O. H. Gillett, Tea Pot,	34
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County Paupers.

Paid William French, for Groceries,	106 56
Charles Bridgman, for do.	10 65
A. & J. Bancroft, for Meat,	5 65
Hollis Taft, for Milk,	7 45
M. Fairbanks, for House Rent and Wood,	23 49
G. B. Twitchell, for Medical Attendance,	123 75
W. H. Thayer, " do. do.	12 00
H. Foster, for services as Sexton,	3 50
Naomi Smith, for her support,	50 00
S. Hardy, for taking Affidavits,	3 47
O. P. Hall, for Shoes,	1 12
E. Joslin, for Transient,	34 64
D. Wright, for Wood and Trucking,	2 38
E. Clark, for Transient,	33 26
C. Kingsbury, for Wood,	1 00
C. K. Colony, for Wood,	14 74
G. J. Peasley, for support of Bell Martin's child,	54 12
D. Sullivan, "	19 93
S. C. Ellis, for House Rent,	4 00
N. G. Gurnsey, for clothing, &c.,	6 00
B. Griffith, for support of Haffey child,	40 56
L. Pemberton, " Dean "	16 25
C. & C. Mason, for Wood,	2 62
T. Champeny, for support Clarey family,	3 00
R. Nims, for Goods,	4 36

Paid George W. Tubbs, for Wood,	4 26
Faulkner & Colony, for Wood,	6 65
Geo. Willard, for support of Abba Howe,	22 75
B. F. Wheeler, 2nd, for Wood,	3 00
Geo. Mansfield, " do.	2 62
P. W. Foster, " do.	4 00
Freeman, Grimes & Co., for Groceries,	4 49
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	\$632 27

Town Paupers.

Paid Levi Page, for support of 4 Paupers, one year,	110 00
David Marsh, Jr., " C. E. Marsh children,	6 50
" " Chloe Marsh,	12 00
Josiah Grimes, " Madison child,	54 00
J. P. Maynard, " Washburn girls,	58 00
A. Chandler, " Mundell child,	8 15
J. A. Bruce, " C. E. Marsh children,	5 54
F. Batchelder, " " "	10 00
S. C. Richardson, " Burlingame child,	4 50
N. H. Insane Asylum, Mary C. Wyman,	108 88
J. C. Tolman, for support of J. Tolman and wife,	50 00
G. B. Twitchell, for Medical Attendance,	46 75
A. S. Carpenter, " "	3 00
H. N. Fish, for Trucking,	1 50
Eben Clark, for support of Edwin Bigelow's family,	6 00
J. Green, for Medicine,	21 03
G. & G. H. Tilden, for School Books,	3 38
T. B. Kittredge, Medical Attendance, C. K. Beals,	17 25
Edmund Woodward, for support of Philinda Pond,	39 00
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	\$565 48

Goods for Town Farm.

Paid Charles Bridgman, for 13 lbs. Tobacco,	3 35
" 3 lbs. Snuff,	94
" 97 lbs. Tea,	45 83
" 363 lbs. Sugar,	30 59

Paid Charles Bridgman, for 7 lbs. Raisins,	85
“ 206 lbs. Salt Fish,	9 18
“ 8 lbs. Spices,	2 22
“ 8 Honey,	82
“ 9 lbs. Saleratus,	54
“ 4 lbs. Coffee,	68
“ 1 lb. Starch,	13
“ 1 lb. Wicking,	36
“ 1 lb. Sulphur,	10
“ 40 lbs. Clover Seed,	4 40
“ 16 lbs. nails,	66
“ 7 bbls. Flour,	50 50
“ 21½ bush. Rye,	19 98
“ 36 gal. Molasses,	14 55
“ 3 gal. Oil,	2 42
“ Mackerel,	7 00
“ Salt,	3 87
“ 1 bbl. Salt Pork,	21 75
“ 34 lbs. Salt Pork,	4 20
“ 100 dozen Crackers,	4 99
“ two papers Yeast,	20
“ 11 Lemons,	22
“ 9 Brooms,	1 78
“ 1 Coffee Mill,	33
“ 1 Dipper,	12
“ 1 Wash Tub,	85
“ 4 Scythes	3 00
“ 1 Grain Cradle,	3 50
“ 4 papers Garden Seeds,	20
“ 2 quarts Pumpkin Seeds,	15
“ 1 quart Kerosene Oil,	26
“ 1 Box,	13
“ Bill of Crockery,	83
“ 3 Knives,	30
Faulkner & Colony, for 2 barrels Flour,	14 75
“ 40 lbs. Hoop Iron,	80
A. S. Tilden, for 1 Halter,	63
“ 1 new Harness,	17 00
“ Repairing Harness,	1 50

Paid Isaiah Robbins, for 8 days' work, Haying,	8 00
“ 2 days, boy and team,	4 00
“ 1 day, do.	1 50
“ 1 day, boy,	50
P. B. Hayward, for Bread in 1858,	7 80
Freeman Grimes & Co. for 2 barrels Flour,	14 00
“ 30 lbs. Sugar,	2 85
“ 28 lbs. Salt Pork,	3 57
“ 1 lb. Tea,	50
“ 3 lbs. Candles,	39
“ 3 lbs. nails,	12
“ 4 bush. Salt,	1 60
“ 4 do. Grass Seed,	3 00
Lewis Bridge, for one cow,	12 50
K. Crossfield, for use of Stud Horse, 1859,	5 00
W. H. Brooks, for Blacksmithing,	5 94
Stephen Barker, for 28 lbs. Sugar,	2 31
“ 11 lbs. Fish,	55
“ 25 lbs. Pork,	3 19
“ 1 lb. Tobacco,	25
“ 2 gal. Molasses,	1 00
“ 1 axe,	1 00
“ 1 bbl. Flour,	7 75
M. A. Bradford, for 1 Buffalo Robe,	4 75
D. W. Buckminster & Co., for 174 yds. Prints,	16 72
“ 142 yds. Cotton,	14 23
“ 22 yds. Gingham,	3 47
“ 4 yds. Double and Twist,	3 60
“ 5 yds. Plaid,	2 10
“ 7 yds. Crash,	1 00
“ 7 yds. Check,	1 54
“ 8 yds. DeLaine,	1 00
“ 5 yds. Diaper,	95
“ 3 yds. Drilling,	38
“ 3 yds. Crash,	33
“ 3 yds. Velvet,	38
“ 11 yds. Ticking,	1 54
“ 2 yds. Strainer Cloth,	94
“ 7 yds. Flannel,	1 12

Paid D. W. Buckminster, & Co., 1 yd. Selicia,	09
“ 3 yds. Cambric,	24
“ 2 yds. Elastic,	20
“ 1 yd. Brilliant,	31
“ 12 yds. Denims,	1 85
“ 16 prs. Hose,	3 63
“ 1 pr. Suspenders,	38
“ 9 Handkerchiefs,	1 71
“ 3 prs. Gloves and Mitts,	1 12
“ 1 Umbrella,	1 13
“ 2 Shaker Bonnets,	1 00
“ 10 Rolls Batting,	1 00
“ Lace,	30
“ Cord and Wadding,	15
“ 1 Hood,	75
“ 1 Hat,	75
“ Thread, Buttons, and Pins,	6 71
“ Hose, &c.,	1 90
Paid O. G. Dort, for 1 lb. Tobacco,	25
19 lbs. Snuff,	5 53
3 bottles Cologne,	2 75
2 do. Castor Oil,	56
2 do. Clark's Bitters,	1 50
2 do. Cod Liver Oil,	1 66
1 qt. of Hot Drops.	76
1 do. Turpentine,	16
Floor Paint,	2 13
Ess. of Hemlock & Peperment,	60
Wintergreen & Elixir Pro,	66
Slip. Elm and Beeswax,	82
26 Lemons and Oranges,	68
1 Hair Brush and 8 Combs,	1 64
11 Rolls Paper,	1 32
18 yds. Border,	36
1 Snuff Box,	10
1 Box Ayer's Pills,	25
2 quarts of K. Oil,	48
10 lights Glass and Putty,	43
Quinine and Gum Camphor,	36

Paid O. G. Dort, for Syrup, Alum and Saltpetre,	37
Corrosive Sublimate,	18
Herrick's Plaster and Copperas,	29
Writing and Fly Paper,	35
Castile, Yankee and Ball Soap,	54
Quicksilver and Glue,	30
3 papers of Garden Seeds,	15
Rhubard Root,	33
Spices,	47
Medicine as Pres.	3 21
D. Hutchins, for 3 prs. Boots,	4 50
2 pr. Cong. Boots,	2 78
21 pr. Shoes,	20 36
7 prs. Stockings,	3 67
2 prs. Mittens,	34
Shelly and Sawyer, for 2 bbls. Flour,	14 50
27 lbs. Sugar,	2 43
17 lbs. Pork,	2 13
1 lb. Tobacco,	30
Saleratus and Crackers,	22
Matches and Salt,	37
1 gal. of Oil,	1 25
1 gal. of Crockery,	1 02
E. Leach, for services on farm,	300 00
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	\$823 61

A. T. Wilder, Jail Fees, &c.

Board for Buffum, and key fees,	83
" Patrick Delay, "	1 25
" Patrick Rooney, "	1 60
" John Rayard, "	1 25
" Henry Carroll, "	1 25
" Irishman, "	1 25
" Jos. Strickland, "	1 25
" Gregory Hanovan, "	1 25
" Sullivan, "	80
" Anson Gilson, "	1 25
" Hooper, "	80

A. T. Wilder, Cleaning Room and Bed,	1 00
“ H. Smith, “	1 25
“ Breaking Dishes, &c.,	1 00
“ Geo. A. Bruce, “	1 25
“ Breaking Dishes, &c.,	1 50
“ Bell Martin, “	1 25
“ James Dillon, “	1 25
“ Cleaning Bed, “	1 00
“ Abel Looney, “	1 25
“ Benj. Tower, “	1 25
“ Geo. A. Bruce, “	1 25
“ Leonard Lincoln, “	1 25
“ John Sullivan, “	80
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	\$28 08
Paid for County Paupers,	632 27
“ Town Paupers,	565 48
“ Town Farm,	823 61
“ Small Pox,	139 23
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	\$2188 67
Amount Raised by the Town,	\$1000 00
Received of the County,	883 30
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	\$1883 30

PAUPERS.

The pauper account this year, has been quite large. We have assisted one hundred and fourteen persons within the last year, including those at the Town Farm. Out of this large number, seventy-six are foreigners, and a large proportion of these are a County charge. These do not include the transient foreign paupers that are travelling through the country. There has been from one to twelve, in a week, that have called upon the Selectmen for help. Most of them were young men well able to work; some wanted to go to the Town Farm, and some only wanted supper, breakfast and lodging; but we have not done but little for this class of paupers. The small pox is not of every year's occurrence—this year it goes to enlarge our pauper account. There are now at the Town Farm, nineteen paupers, of which eight of them are a County charge.

Property at Town Farm.

2 Oxen,	100 00
8 Cows,	175 00
2 Heifers,	25 00
10 tons of English Hay,	125 00
1 ton of Oat Straw,	6 00
1 Horse,	60 00
35 bushels of Oats,	14 00
8 bushels of Barley,	5 00
25 bushels of Corn,	20 00
3 Shoats,	30 00
20 Hens,	5 00
1 Iron axle Cart,	40 00
1 Lumber Wagon,	15 00
1 Buggy,	25 00
1 Lumber Sleigh,	6 00
1 Single Sleigh,	15 00
1 Ox Sled,	3 00
2 Grain Cradles,	4 00
1 Straw Cutter,	2 00
3 Plows,	9 00
4 Shovels and 4 Hoes,	3 00
5 Stake Chains,	2 00
3 Draft do.,	3 00
7 Rakes and 4 Scythes and Snaths,	3 00
1 Harrow and 1 Cultivator,	3 00
2 Ox Yokes, and 1 Stone Drag,	3 50
1 Pick and 2 Crowbars,	4 00
2 Sett Drag Plank,	1 00
2 Harnesses,	20 00
14 Meal Bags,	3 00
100 Sap Buckets,	8 00
1 Fan Mill,	8 50
2 Manure Forks,	2 00
1 Wheelbarrow,	2 00
3 Baskets,	1 00

3 Wood Saws, and 1 Hand Saw,	2 50
3 Axes,	2 00
1 Cross Cut Saw,	2 00
5 Augers,	2 50
30 Cords of Hard Wood,	75 00
1 Scalding Tub,	1 00
Hard wood Joist,	1 50
1 set of Measures,	75
1 Sap Pan,	3 00
1 Sap Tub,	1 00
2 Brass Kettles,	4 00
3 Iron Kettles,	2 00
3 Rocking Chairs,	4 00
20 Dining Chairs,	5 00
8 Tables,	5 00
10 Chests of Drawers,	10 00
14 Beds and Bedding,	70 00
16 Bedsteads,	2 50
5 Looking Glasses,	2 00
1 Brass Clock,	3 00
3 Tubs,	2 00
Glass Ware,	1 00
Tin Ware,	8 50
Wooden Ware,	1 50
1 Copper Tea Kettle,	1 50
Cutlery and Spoons,	1 75
Crockery,	5 25
1 Lantern,	50
1 Churn,	4 00
9 Stoves,	50 00
1 bushel White Beans,	2 00
2 barrels Salt Meat,	35 00
80 bushels of Potatoes,	32 00
14 barrels of Cider,	21 00
12 Cider Barrels,	12 00
5 Meat Barrels,	2 50
12 gal. boiled Cider,	1 25

10 gal. Molasses,	2 50
1-2 bbl Flour and Rye,	4 00
25 lbs. Tea,	11 25
100 lbs. Dried Apple,	8 00
Lard, Butter, and Cheese,	10 00
Pickles,	2 00
Garden Seeds,	1 50
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	\$1.170 75
Due the Town Farm, from Eugene S. Ellis,	20 00

New Hearse and House.

Paid J. & F. French, for new Hearse,	300 00
“ H. P. Muchmore, for Hearse House,	175 00
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	\$475 00

Miscellaneous.

Paid Mrs. Chapman, for interest on note,	60 00
Isaac Sturtevant, for Check List,	7 50
“ Warrant, last Annual Meeting,	4 00
“ One quire Paper,	35
“ Work on Check List,	1 00
“ 1000 copies Report,	40 00
“ Check List, Nov. Election,	8 00
“ Work on Check List,	1 50
“ Order Book,	4 00
“ Additional Work on Check List,	75
T. H. Leverett, for School Commissioner,	70 40
J. D. Colony, for postage for Selectmen, 1859,	1 19
27 lbs. Nails,	1 30
Buckley Stone, for error in Taxes,	1 29
Savings Bank, for principal and Interest,	4.657 26
Nelson Morse, for serving 14 notices on Town Officers,	7 00
E. Clark, for Postage,	99
T. Wilcox, for Special Police,	3 00
Keene Gas Lt. Co., for six street Lamps and fixtures,	150 00

Paid Keene Gas Light Co., Gas, three months, 6 Lamps,	21	60
Gas, four months, 7 Lamps,	38	80
Twelve street Lamps & fixtures,	276	00
One Brackett, “	25	00
N. H. Sentinel, Adv. School Committee notice,	2	50
Town Warrant,	2	00
“ “ “	2	75
Cheshire Railroad, transporting Guns,	2	50
G. H. Tilden, for Recording Marriages,	4	32
Serving notices Jurors,	6	44
G. & G. H. Tilden, for Ledger, Index and Journal,	4	50
Blank Book pencils & certificates,	1	20
28 Blank Books,	1	93
7 qr. Paper,	1	20
3 doz. Pens,		30
1 Blank Book for Treas,		83
H. Kimball, Adv. Warrants 3 years,	17	00
School Notices, 3 years,	11	00
G. W. Sturtevant, for Renewing Bounds, S. Dis.,	6	00
E. N. & L. W. Cumings, Horse Hire,	7	25
Spaulding, Whitney & Co., Horse Hire,	3	75
Augustus T. Wilder, for Collecting Taxes,	150	00
	<u>\$5.606</u>	40
Amount raised by the Town, for Town Debt,	2.000	00
Amount raised by the Town, for Ordinary	1.000	00
Amount raised by the Town, in 1859,	2.000	00
Amount of Railroad Tax,	821	97
	<u>\$5.821</u>	97

STREET LAMPS AND GAS.

There have been nineteen Street Post and Brackets with Lamps put up the past year. Up to the first of January we paid for gas as registered by meter from one burner, and the others were reckoned from that one; but as it was not quite satisfactory to the citizens, we thought it advisable to make some

arrangement with the Gas Company to furnish gas and light the lamps by the year. And we came to this agreement with the Company, to furnish gas, light the lamps, and keep them in good burning order twenty nights in each month, from early candle-lighting until eleven o'clock in the evening, for eighteen dollars per lamp, for one year from the first of last January, which will amount, in the whole, to three hundred and forty-two dollars for the nineteen lamps one year. We would recommend to have the gas taken from the Town Hall for the lamp in front of the Hall door, as it may be necessary to light it on some evenings when the others are not lighted. We would recommend the moving the post near the Eagle Hotel to the opposite side of the street, as then it would the better light Emerald-street, and light Main-street as well as now.

CENTENNIAL ADDRESS.

There was a vote taken at the last Annual Meeting, to correct the records of the Annual Meeting, in 1855, in relation to thanking Hon. Joel Parker, for his Centennial Address and printing the same. The present Board of Selectmen have done nothing about sending for a copy of that Address, or printing it, as there was no money raised or appropriated for that purpose, and we could not borrow money for the purpose of gratifying one or two of our citizens, when it is no part of the affairs of the town, but a private affair of one or two. The next time the question comes up in our Town Meeting, we would ask to have it explained. That Celebration has now already, cost the citizens from eight to ten hundred dollars, because a few individuals got up the Celebration, and gave away the tickets to persons that were able to pay for them, and left them in debt about five hundred dollars, and the town voted, and did pay that amount. The account had ought to have gone into the County pauper account as transient, at the time, instead of paying a few individuals' debts, and taxing some of our citizens to help pay that sum, who could not buy a ticket for the Celebration, and their clothes were not good enough to have a ticket given to them. And why is it that now, one or two of our citizens wish to "bleed"

the town any more, to have an Address printed, that will do no one any good? This is the question?

In closing our Report, we have a few words to say in relation to the "Liquor Traffic" in this town, the past year. It is well known that a vote was passed at our last Annual Town Meeting, to instruct the Selectmen to enforce the Liquor Law. Immediately after the Annual Meeting, we visited the several places, where we thought that intoxicating liquors were kept for sale, (and we found seventeen of them,) and requested them not to sell any kind of liquors, neither ale, beer or cider. All but one of the venders took the invitation very kindly, and gave a partial promise they would not sell, but after a short time there was to be seen a change for the worse, and we gave the police instructions to arrest any person seen in our streets intoxicated. We soon had a plain case—we commenced a suit, and the offender was lodged in our jail for the want of bonds, and there was a cry from the very men that advocated and voted, and said they would do all they could to enforce the law. We will use one man's own words—"Take a poor man will you, why don't you take some of the big ones?" In a short time after, we got a case against one of the "big ones," and we called upon a number of our lawyers, and requested them to make a writ, and did they do it? NO! not one of them could we get to do anything about it. Our Solicitor was gone at the time. One would say he knew of a case in Swanzey, he wished we would see to—another, if it was against either of our Hotels, they would think he was trying to injure them, and he could do nothing—another, that it was a Black Republican Law, and the Black Republicans might enforce it; he should do nothing—another said he was too busy to attend to such business—another, that he did not like to do such business with his neighbors, and some of them were the very men that advocated the passage of that vote at our last Annual Meeting. We would ask, what could we do? And furthermore, we could not get any of our *temperance men* to help us to a warrant to search the premises; the answer from them was, the Selectmen were instructed by a vote to enforce

the law, they had nothing to do with it, but the Selectmen must do it. Now we ask, what could we do when public opinion, the temperance men, and the very men that wanted to see the law enforced, turn from the Selectmen, when they were doing all they could do? And they were trying and did do everything they could, to prevent our carrying out that vote. It is a well known fact, that for the last few years everything has been "saddled" upon the shoulders of the Selectmen, and by whom is it done? It is done by these very grumblers and faultfinders. The Selectmen have done all that could be done the past year, without the co-operation of a single individual. And now we leave it in the hands of these faultfinders and grumblers, and let them proceed and stop the sale, if it is such an easy thing with public opinion, and the temperance men against them. Last spring, we settled with the Agent for the sale of ardent spirits, and requested him to store what he had on hand, but not to sell any, and we presume he now has it all safe, and will keep it as long as the Town are disposed to pay him for storage.

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1860,	2.832 58
Rec'd State Treasurer's Receipt,	1.232 00
" County " "	2.907 60
" for support of County Paupers, April, 1860,	349 92
" " " " Oct. "	533 38
" for Showman's Licenses,	60 00
" of State Railroad Tax,	821 97
" Balance Josiah Stone's Note,	33 25
" Deposit for Land Damages,	17 00
" Gift of the late David A. Simmons,	1.000 00
" D. N. Wright, Rents Town Hall,	830 00
" of Collector,	13.489 48
" Literary Fund,	294 00
" Receipts outstanding orders,	219 54
	\$24.620 72

EXPENDITURES.

For Town Farm,	823 61
“ Town Paupers,	565 48
“ County “	632 27
“ State Tax as per Receipt,	1,232 00
“ County “ “ “	2,907 60
“ Town Officers,	803 00
“ Water Survey,	28 12
“ Insufficiency of Highways,	75 00
“ Fire Department,	503 93
“ New Reservoirs,	197 31
“ Repair Highways and Bridges, 1859,	44 61
“ “ “ “ 1860,	2,164 23
“ Building new Streets,	580 91
“ New Hearse and House,	475 00
“ Small Pox,	139 23
“ Jail Fees,	28 08
“ Schools,	4,973 35
“ Interest on Town Notes,	730 76
“ For Town Debt,	4,000 00
“ Collecting Taxes,	150 00
“ School House Tax in No. 10,	50 00
“ Street Lamps and Gas,	511 40
“ Miscellaneous,	533 63
“ Abatement of Taxes, 1859,	14 73
“ Outstanding Orders, 1859,	219 54
“ Cash in Treasury,	2,231.93
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	\$24,620 72

It will be noticed that in the Recapitulation, some of the expenditures do not agree with the footings of the accounts in the foregoing report. We had a part of our report printed, after which there were some bills paid, and we have added the amount to these expenditures. We have given no orders since March 1, 1861.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1861.

Ordinary Town Charges,	1,500 00
Highways and Bridges,	3,500 00
Support of Paupers,	1,200 00
Fire Department,	800 00
Gas and Lighting Street Lamps,	350 00
Building new road on petition of John Chamberlain,	500 00
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	\$7,850 00

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

At Savings Bank,	9.928 79
Betsey Chapman,	1.060 00
Benjamin Pierce,	594 66
For timber from Ministerial Lot,	1.580 49
Simmons Fund,	1.000 00
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	\$14.163 94

There will be due E. Leach, April 1, 1861,	250 00
“ H. P. Muchmore,	5 00
Outstanding accounts as near as ascertained,	150 00
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	\$405 00

The State Tax for 1861, will be,	1.325 10
“ County “ “ “	3.124 42
School District No. 10, for 1861, as voted,	50 00
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	\$4.499 52

Tax assessed, 1860,	17.656 28
School District No. 10, in 1860,	52 33
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	\$17.708 61

Received of Collector,	13.489 48
“ State Treasurer's Receipt,	1.232 00
“ County “ “	2.907 60
Abatements,	79 33
“ in School Tax in No. 10,	20
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	\$17.708 61

The account of Timber sold from the Ministerial Lot, and money received from the sales :

Rec'd Geo. Cook's note,	245 87
“ Chas. Chase, “ Nov. 25, 1857,	1.801 00
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	\$2.046 87

The Town have collected the following, and is now due from the Town, March 1, 1861 :

Geo. Cook's note,	245 87
Interest to March 1, 1861,	55 32
On Chas. Chase note,	1.100 00
Interest to March 1, 1861,	179 30
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Due from the Town, March 1, 1861,	1.580 49
“ on Chas. Chase note, “ “	872 90
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Amount due Ministerial Lot,	\$2.453 39

The foregoing Report is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Town.

EBEN CLARK,
N. N. SAWYER,
ELIAS JOSLIN

Selectmen of Keene.

The undersigned Committee, appointed by the Town of Keene, to audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the accounts well and truly vouched for, and, according to our knowledge and belief, the foregoing statement is correct.

WILLIAM S. BRIGGS,
R. STEWART,
S. BARKER,

Auditing Committee.

Keene, March 4, 1861.

Report of Agent Town Hall Building.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd of E. N. & L. W. Cumings for rent Store,	100 00
" William French,	125 00
" T. J. French,	150 00
" Simeon Gould,	175 00
" Geo. Tilden, use of Hall,	36 00
" Musical Institute,	25 00
" D. Allen,	30 00
" E. A. Webb,	5 00
" Republican Party,	7 50
" G. B. Twitchell,	3 00
" French Doctress,	2 00
" Orphean Family,	8 00
" Quintette Club,	5 00
" Hutchinson Family,	5 00
" Morrill, Mayne & Morris,	8 00
" Goodyear & Co.,	4 00
" Professor Kirby,	7 00
" Dolly Dutton Show,	8 00
" Methodist Levec,	6 00

Rec'd of Orthodox Levee,	8 00
“ Nigger Show,	6 00
“ Orthodox Society,	101 00
“ Use of Hall various times,	13 50
“ for Chandelier,	50 00
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	\$888 00
Balance due from last year's Report,	327 46
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	\$1.215 46

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Jones, repairing Pump,	2 00
“ Lightning and care of Hall,	49 92
“ Care of Stores,	12 00
“ for Hanging Chandelier,	6 00
“ Geo. H. Richards for chimneys,	30
“ Wood and Sawing,	27 72
“ Gas to Jan. 1, 1861,	72 60
“ O. H. Gillett for Stove,	31 51
“ Work in Hall,	2 50
“ “ on Chimney,	6 00
“ Care of Hall for Orthodox Society,	35 25
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	\$245 80
Paid into Town Treasury, as per receipts,	830 00
Cash and accounts due from Agent,	139 66
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	\$1.215 46

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. WRIGHT, *Agent.*

The undersigned, Selectmen of Keene, have examined the foregoing statements and find them correctly cast, and we have also compared the Treasurer's account with the same, and find them to agree, and we believe the accounts of the Agent, as made up, are well and truly kept.

EBEN CLARK,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
N. N. SAWYER,	
ELIAS JOSLIN.	

of
Keene.

Keene. March 4, 1861.

REPORT
OF THE
ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER.

In accordance with a vote passed at the last Town Meeting, I submit the following:

The Keene Fire Department, at the commencement of the year, consisted of a Chief Engineer, with four Assistants, two Engine Companies,—about fifty men each,—and a Hook and Ladder Company, twenty men.

About the first of August the Chief resigned: soon after, one of the Assistants resigned; immediately following which, the Neptune Engine Company, through their officers, requested to be discharged from further service, as Firemen; their request was complied with, which left the Neptune Engine without men to work her. To obviate this difficulty, a call for volunteers, to answer an alarm of fire, was responded to by forty-five of our citizens, most of them old firemen. They have been called out once, and did the Department much honor.

The Deluge Company is in good condition, well officered and manned, and maintain their old reputation.

Both Companies need more Hose, and I would recommend the earliest attention of the incoming Board of Selectmen to that fact.

The supply of Water I consider inadequate to the wants of a village as large as Keene.

The Chief Engineer, before he left the Department, put the apparatus pertaining to the Hook and Ladder Company in good repair. It has a Company of good men, and is all right.

There have been two alarms of fire the last year: the first originated in a lumber room over Jacob Green's Drug Store, which was subdued without damage to the building. The second alarm was from the premises of Mr. Greenwood, on Court-street. The Engines were on hand promptly, but the fire had made such progress that it was impossible to save the house. The barn was saved, through the exertions of both citizens and firemen.

JOSEPH P. WELLS,
Acting Chief Engineer Keene Fire Department.

